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LDS Hailstone Dairy Farm

The "home mission" or Wasatch Stake Mission was organized at a stake quarterly conference in 1936. Joseph Jorgensen was the first president and served until 1946 when Francis Probst was sustained. Don L. Hicken was sustained in February, 1951. In 1952, Owen Buell, who had just returned from a foreign mission, was called as the president. He was later succeeded by John Barton Moulton and then Alvin W. Kohler. The most recent president is Wilson Young. There are presently 10 missionaries laboring in the stake mission.

Still another vital aspect of the work of the Church is the welfare program. Begun in 1936 as a means of enabling Church members to take care of themselves and get them off the rolls of public support and doles, the program has had good progress in Wasatch Stake.

Projects have been assigned by the general authorities to regions or areas of the Church, and from these projects come the commodities or cash needed to operate the program throughout the Church. To Wasatch Stake, and seven other stakes in the area came the assignment of a dairy farm. A farm was purchased north of Heber from Robert J. Davis, Later, Wasatch, Summit and South Summit stakes bought out the interests of the other stakes and conducted the project as a tri-stake activity. Then about 1949 each stake was advised to have its own individual project, and the dairy farm was bought and is operated now as the Wasatch Stake Dairy Farm.

The farm consists of 105 acres, and in addition there are 190 acres leased from the New Park Mining Company. Jay Swain is farm manager, and works with an operating committee of the stake. The first committee consisted of Vernon Price, John Barnard and Sylvan Rasband, secretary-treasurer. Presently serving are George Holmes, Lynden Chapman and Sylvan Rasband. Each ward in the stake contributes hay from their individual welfare projects or pays cash to help with farm expenses.

The farm presently includes about 60 cows producing some 800,000 pounds of milk each year.

